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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER/TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR LARRY WALKER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

San Bernardino, CA — San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector Larry Walker received two awards from the Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) - the Award of Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting and a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Both awards were presented to Mr. Walker at yesterday's Board of Supervisors meeting where Josie Gonzales, Board of Supervisors Chair said, "It is an honor to present these not only to you, but to the residents and taxpayers benefiting from all of your hard work. These major awards reflect the professionalism and high degree of dedication and leadership of the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector's office."

Mr. Walker stated, "I am honored to receive both of these awards, and extremely proud of my staff for their hard work and dedication. This affirms my commitment to making the citizens of the County my priority by presenting the County's financial information in a transparent, easily accessible, and understandable format."

The Popular Annual Financial Reporting Awards Program was established in 1991 by GFOA. The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector's Office has received this award for the 6th consecutive year, recognizing its efforts to develop a high quality popular annual report that is designed to be readily accessible and easily understandable to the general public who do not have a public finance background. The Auditor-Controller's Office has also made this report accessible to the public by posting a link to the website (www.sbcounty.gov/atc) where the content of the report can be reviewed cover to cover.

The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program in 1945. The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector's Office has received this award for the 24th consecutive year. In part, this award is presented to state and local governments that prepare annual financial reporting exceeding the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), while also preparing comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure. Reports are reviewed by members of the GFOA staff and the GFOA's Special Review Committee, comprised of individuals with expert knowledge of public-sector financial reporting.

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